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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of week two of our distance learning, I continue to be amazed by all the creative and effective instruction that is happening throughout our diocesan school system. I am sure that you share my immense gratitude for our teachers who are working so hard to ensure your child continues to receive a quality Catholic education even though we cannot be in the traditional classroom. I am hopeful that this will be an opportunity for us to continue to strengthen the teacher-family partnership as we strive to provide an excellent educational experience for the approximately 7,500 students served by our schools.

Today, I write to inform you that we, in keeping with Governor Lamont's directive to public schools, have moved our tentative return to school date from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we have decided to extend the Easter break. Hopefully, this will give everyone some down time to fully enjoy a prayerful Holy Week and a joyous Easter without the burden of assignments and due dates. Easter break will begin on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and will end with a return to school (whether virtually or in person) on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of assembling a list of family activities for Holy Week and Easter along with some virtual field trips that families can enjoy together. These will be added next week to our Catholic schools resource page, <https://www.dioceseofbridgeportcatholicschools.com/coronavirus-updates/>. As a reminder, you can also find information regarding the virtual help desk for teachers and parents on that page.

Finally, to the parents of seniors, I want to assure you that regardless of the return to school date, we will do our best to hold a graduation ceremony that celebrates the accomplishments of your senior student. At this time, I cannot say if it will be on the date originally planned, but we will try our best to preserve some of the traditions your family has looked forward to.

As we move forward in these coming weeks, please accept my great gratitude for your continued patience and flexibility and let us keep praying for all those whose families are affected by this pandemic. May God bless you and may Our Lady continue to shower Her blessings on our Catholic school community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven F. Cheeseman  
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